

GUIDE to FOOD and FUN

In the Torrance and South Bay Area

FROM THE WINGS

By Betty Schroeder

The usual "work party" which is held after the close of each production will be held at Chapel Theatre this Sunday beginning at 11:30 a.m. 4164 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance. Anyone who is curious about the workings of the backstage crews will be welcome to join the fun and help create the new set for "The Moon Is Blue," which will be the theatre's next presentation. If you have a special hammer or paint brush and prefer to work with your own tools, feel free to bring them and the head set constructors Steve Sands, Grover Palmer, and Rudi Medina will be happy to assign any kind of job in which you would care to participate. These jobs consist of painting scenery, platforms and sets, plus putting together the framework for the sets and sometimes building props and furniture. Anyone who can wield a hammer or paint brush and wants to combine this work with play is most welcomed to join Chapel Theatre's work party Sunday.

Hardly allowing the last laughter to drift from the walls of Chapel Theatre in Torrance, from the zany comedy "Thieves' Carnival," which held its last performances last weekend, another delightful comedy is in full rehearsal with the three-act comedy by F. Hugh Herbert, "The Moon Is Blue." Directed by Fred West of Los Angeles, who is also playing the role of the Irish policeman-father.

The cast includes Frank Vrooman of Hawthorne as David, Don Gordon of Hollywood as Don, and Miss Larry Gale of Balboa Island as Patty.

This light and fast moving play begins with the casually-managed pickup of Patty by Don, in a drugstore, with Betty maneuvering the pickup and going atop the Empire State building to view the City, hoping to be followed by Don. Patty, being naive and at the same time outspoken to the point of causing some embarrassing moments, accompanies Don to his apartment where she prepares dinner. While Don is out shopping for the meal, the father of Don's former girl friend enters the scene, thus creating all but may-



REHEARSING NEW ROLES are, from the left, Larry Gale, Frank Vrooman and Don Gordon. The three talented actors will be appearing in the latest Chapel Theatre production, "The Moon Is Blue," which will open soon. The new play is a three act comedy by F. Hugh Herbert and is directed by Fred West.

Torrance Teacher Directs Play at Local Theater

"The Curious Savage" By John Patrick is opening at the Footlight Theatre Nov. 29, under the direction of Herman Boodman, using center staging.

Boodman or "Boody" as he is called is known for his eighteen years in community theater. Boodman has seven plays to his credit with his group. He has received his masters degree in theater at Long Beach State College.

Directing has not been Boodman's only talent. He has acted with Eddie Cantor and worked shows on the stages of Hollywood Bowl, Greek and Shrine theaters.

Boodman usually works on his own stage sets and also is a make-up technician, a playwright of two plays, one produced. He also worked with an associate of Max Riehnart and received formal training at Los Angeles State and City Colleges.

Among his acting credits include such plays as: "The Male Animal," "Carousel," "Night Must Fall," and "Marriage Proposal." A teacher in the Torrance school system, Boodman does a great deal of lecturing on drama and the theater for civic organizations.

The play "The Curious Savage" concerns Mrs. Savage who has been left \$10 million by her husband and is committed to a sanatorium by her step-children to bring her to her senses for spending money foolishly.

Mrs. Savage is determined to establish a "Happiness Fund" to help others realize their hopes and dreams. It is a warm, friendly comedy about kind hearts and gentle people.

"The Curious Savage" opens Nov. 29 and 30, Fridays and Saturdays for three weekends through Dec. 14, at Footlight Theatre, located at 3331 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Curtain time 8:30 p.m. Please make reservations early by calling DA 9-5335. Reservations must be picked up by 8:15 p.m. Group rates are available.

Dinah Shore Has Varied, Long, Career

Dinah Shore, who appears currently with special guest star Bob Newhart at Melodyland Theatre, can look back on a remarkable career as a performer.

Unlike many of today's stars, Dinah never had to starve for she came from a comfortably situated family in Winchester, Tenn. and attended Vanderbilt University.

Frances Rose Shore broke into show business on a Nashville radio station, while a sophomore at Vanderbilt. She opened her own quarter hour program with "Dinah," Martin Block, for whom she later auditioned in New York, using that song, called her Dinah when he couldn't remember Frances and the name stuck.

After getting her A.B. degree, Dinah came to New York where she teamed on WNEW with another unknown singer, Frank Sinatra. She made her first recordings with the Xavier Cugat band, then went on to sing as a regular with the then-popular "Chamber Music Society of Basin Street" program on NBC. A year later, she signed for the Ben Bernie radio program, then joined Eddie Cantor's network radio show. The three years she spent with the comedian firmly established her as a national star.

Dinah added to her laurels with top singing roles in a score of hit films, and during World War II became a favorite with GIs from Aachen to Tokyo on numerous front line overseas tours as well as broadcasts for the Armed Forces Radio Service.



SHERIFF JOHN Rovick was out on the farm early this year hand picking the menu for his Thanksgiving Day dinner. As has been the custom during the past 12 years, the Sheriff will eat his Thanksgiving luncheon with his young TV audience during his "Lunch Brigade" program from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, and then will hurry home to offer up Thanksgiving during dinner with his own family.

Teen Mannequins Slate Weekend Fashion Shows

Teen-Mannequins, a group of teen-aged girls studying techniques of modeling, will put their lessons into practice during the holiday season as they model the latest fashions, colors and accessories at two local restaurants each weekend.

The teen-age models will present Sunday fashion brunch shows at the Plush Horse Restaurant from 12:30 to 2 and will show fashions from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the Parasol Restaurant.

Recent appearances by the group have been at the Sheraton Hotel and Santa Ynez Inn, Miramar.

A non-profit philanthropic organization, Teen Mannequins is open to girls in the 12 to 20 age range. Persons desiring information concerning the group are asked to call FR 5-7433 or FR 8-4914.

New Trees Adorn Santa Lane

Christmas trees will glow on Hollywood Blvd. once again this year, but with a new look. Since the famed old metal trees were last used in 1959, there has been a constant effort to find a new and suitable decoration that would carry on the tradition of the past.

The purpose has now been achieved, according to Frank Westsmith, president of the Hollywood Merchants Association. A newly designed modernistic laminated plastic tree has been fabricated that will revolve about the light poles and will be installed during the next ten days. It is planned to light them for the first time on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, Nov. 27, to signal the beginning of the thirty-second annual Santa Claus Lane Parade of Stars.

Installation will commence on Wednesday morning, Nov. 20, at 9:30 a.m., when the first tree will be mounted on a pole in front of 6551 Hollywood Blvd.

These trees will be sixteen feet in height and internally lighted with extra brilliant fixtures to provide a luminous glow the whole length of the street. They will also be draped with Christmas garland, and mounted in such a way that they will make two complete revolutions around the light standards every minute. Westsmith stated that the trees of other years were characterized by their mass, brilliant lighting and unique-

Art Exhibit Opens Soon in Riviera

La Casa Galeria in Hollywood Riviera, 408 Via Monte D'oro, announces their next art exhibit will fall on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2 to 9 p.m.

JoAnn Cowans, of Playa Del Rey, one of three artists exhibiting, is a talented young painter, who only last year received a great deal of publicity on her paintings of the progress of Marina Del Rey. Mrs. Cowans will exhibit her newest oils and pen and ink drawings in portfolio. She is represented by Thorsen's Gallery in Culver City.

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